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RE: Docket No. 07-16

Dear Mrs. Secretary:

The internet has become a vital part of our everyday life. Our young people use it to research class projects, play games and keep in touch with their friends. Our businesses use the internet as a tool to market to millions of potential new customers. Our government offices use the internet as a cost effective manner to disseminate information to our constituents.

In our community, like many communities across Illinois, there are many who do not currently have regular access to these many online services. Free universal broadband would bridge that gap and be an asset to the business community, our schools, and our businesses.

There is currently a proposal pending before your agency that would help alleviate this problem. A company would offer fast, free, family friendly internet across the country. In addition to helping drive the cost of broadband down for the consumer: it will ensure that those Americans who were forced to go without internet access before because they couldn't afford the steep prices will have reliable access to all that the web has to offer. For example, small businesses and school children will benefit tremendously with both being able to use the internet's countless resources. Small businesses can unlock the successful marketing opportunities, while schools utilize the educational resources.

I urge your commission to take a very close look at this application and consider the endless possibilities something like this could cultivate. Citizens of Alsip and communities all across Illinois would be extremely grateful.

Sincerely,

Jim Quinn, Trustee

CC: FCC Chairman, Kevin Martin
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